(e) and (f) The performance of officers of the Indian Administrative Service throughout their career including their service in the districts, is taken into account for purpose of determining their suitability for appointment at the Centre at senior levels. The nature of jobs held by an officers is also taken into account Weightage is also given to the officers who have held besides district charge important field assignments.

Cycle theft cases in South Delhi

1837. SHRI NATHA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cycle theft cases in South Delhi are increasing day-by-day;

(b) if so, how many cases have so far been registered in 1984-85 and what is the number of cases registered with the Sarojini Nagar Police Station, New Delhi in December, 1984;

(c) how many cases of cycle theft have been cleared and cycles restored to the owners so far and how many are still pending with the police;

(d) what are the reasons for the pending cases; and

(e) what steps have so far been taken by Government to clear the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) No.

(b) 742 and 620 cases of cycle theft were registered during 1984 and 1985 respectively in South Delhi. 5 cases of cycle theft were reported in P. S Vinay Nagar from Sarojini Nagar area during December, 1984.

(c) Of the 36 cycles recovered in 1984, 29 cycles were restored to the owners; of the 50 cycles recovered in 1985, 37 were restored to their owners.

(d) The remaining cycles are lying in the 'Malkhana' as neither their owners have come forward to claim them nor these have been specifically connected with the case registered in this regard in 1985. Stolen cycles recovered in such cases are restored to the owners when they obtain Court orders for receiving their cycles on Superdari.

(e) Efforts are made to trace the cycles as well as the culprits. When, however, it is found not possible to locate the criminals the cases are filed as untraced.

Hoisting of Pakistani flag during Third Hockey Test Match at Hyderabad

1838. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the hoisting of Pakistani flag for more than half-an-hour during the third hockey test match between India and Pakistan at Hyderabad recently at the Lal Bahadur Stadium: and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) According to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, a Pakistani flag was displayed to encourage the Pakistan captain by some fans of his. Instructions have been issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to prevent such incidents in future.

Promotions for I.A.S. Officers

1839. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are introducing a scheme under which I.A.S. officers will no longer be entitled to

automatic promotion regardless of their performance;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme is proposed to be made applicable to other Central Services also;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) Promotions of IAS officers from the junior scale to the senior scale are made on the basis of suitability for such promotions having regard to the length of service and experience of the eligible officers. Promotions to Selection Grade and above of the eligible officers are made by selection on merit with due regard to seniority. Similarly, promotions from one grade to another in the Central Services are based on an assessment of suitability of the eligible officers to hold the higher posts. While Government will continue to lay emphasis on merit, there is no proposal to introduce any new scheme.

Officers on ad-hoc basis in Pondicherry

1840. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 558 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st November, 1985, and the reply to Unstarred Question 2488 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the exemption given in the year 1972 to the officers of the Pondicherry Administration imposes condition that the officers who are below the age of 45 should appear for departmental test;

(b) if so, for how many officers special exemption has been given by the Pondicherry Administration under the Pondicherry Civil Services Rules, with details and under what circumstances; and

(c) whether it is a fact that still there are officers who are holding the post of Entry Grade as well as Selection Grade who have not passed the departmental test who are below the age of 45, if so, what action was taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No promotee officer of Pondicherry Civil Service has been given exemption subsequent to the exemption given to some officers in 1972

(c) There are no promotee officers in Pondicherry Civil Service below the age of 45 years who have not passed departmental test. However, there are 5 direct recruit probationers who have not yet qualified in the departmental test.

Discontinuation of N-Formula for allotment of officers of IAS cadre

1841. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government discontinued N-Formula relating to the year of allotment of officers appointed to the I.A.S. cadre; and

(b) how many officers have been appointed under this Formula?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The year of allotment of a Non-State Civil Service officers appointed to the I.A.S. by Selection is determined ad-hoc by the Central